LETTER

FROM

THE DIRECTOR OF THE MINT,

ACCOMPANYING

A REPORT,

And ſundry Statements, numbered 1, 2, 3 and 4,

Made in Purſuance of a Reſolution of the Houſe of the 18th Inſtant.

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Mint of the United States,
19th December, 1797.

SIR,

I beg leave to enclose my Report, in compliance with the order of the House of Representatives of yesterday, which I have made as perfect as the very short time allowed me for the purpose would admit.

I have the honor to be, with the most perfect consideration and esteem,

SIR,

Your very obedient, humble servant,

ELIAS BOUDINOT.

The Honorable

JONATHAN DAYTON, *Esq.*

Speaker of the House of Representatives.

THE DIRECTOR OF THE MINT,

In obedience to the order of the Houſe of Repreſentatives of the United States of yeſterday, begs leave to

REPORT

The encloſed Statements, No. 1, 2, 3 and 4, being thoſe required by ſaid order. It is thought prudent to take into the Mint no more bullion than may be acted upon in one maſs or depoſit, when it comes from any of the Banks of this city, from whence it can be had in a very ſhort time, when wanted. It is for this reaſon that other depoſits, which are ready to be made by the Bank of the United States, have not been lodged in the Mint, but are waiting the completion of the coinage now in hand. The expected depoſits from different Banks in this city and New-York, as far as the Director has been informed, may amount to above three hundred thouſand dollars in French crowns. Theſe are expected to be received into the Mint by limited depoſits, as faſt as the prior ones are paid off. When there is a ſufficient quantity of bullion to keep one preſs ſtriking, this will be at the rate of about eighteen or twenty thouſand dollars per week. The gold coinage increaſes in amount in proportion to its additional value.

ELIAS BOUDINOT, Director.

Mint of the United States, 19th Dec. 1797.

☞ It ſhould be remembered that the Mint was ſhut up during the prevalence of the Yellow Fever in the city.

(No. I.)

A Statement of Gold Bullion depoſited in the Mint of the United States, from Nov. 29, 1796, (the date of the Director's laſt Report) to this day inclusive.

When received.	By whom depoſited.	Deſcription of Bullion.	Standard Weight. ounces.	dwts.	grs.	Value. dolls.	cts.	ms.
1796.								
Nov. 30	John Alſop	Ingots	78	19	12	1,404	0	0
Dec. 8	Benjamin Goodhue	Clippings and Coins.	20	7	17	362	40	5
13	Joſeph Richardſon	Ingots	18	5	13	324	88	5
26	Claudius F. Rouſſet	Ditto	33	9	6	594	88	5
1797.								
Jan. 2	Joſhua B. Bond	Ditto	19	2	18	340	22	0
Feb. 11	Joſeph Richardſon	Ditto	16	11	5	294	40	5
March 1	Joſeph Lownes	Ditto	91	6	10	1623	48	0
9	Joſeph Richardſon	Ditto	24	8	7	434	3	5
20	S Pickering Gardner	Ditto	71	8	6	1.269	55	5
29	Bank of the U. States	For. Cs.	485	8	0	8,629	33	0
Apr. 10	Ditto	Ditto	901	11	0	16.027	55	5
20	Ditto	Ditto	1,003	12	0	17,841	77	5
May 5	James Yard	Duſt	169	12	15	3.015	66	5
11	Joſeph Richardſon	Ingots	19	6	4	343	25	5
	Bank of the U. States	For. Cs.	997	16	0	17,738	66	5
31	Joſeph Lownes	Ingots	20	10	9	364	77	5
June 9	Bank of the U. States	For. Cs.	993	0	0	17,653	33	0
10	Joſeph Richardſon	Ingots	20	2	9	357	66	5
	William Bell	Duſt	563	12	0	10.019	55	5
13	Joſeph Pontalby	Ingots	111	7	22	1,980	37	0
28	Elliſton & Jno. Perot	Ditto	54	6	12	965	77	5
July 8	Joſeph Lownes	Ditto	41	9	18	737	55	5
17	John B. Wallace	Ditto	27	18	0	496	0	0
Nov. 29	George Simpſon	Ditto	30	4	18	537	55	5
Dec. 1	Elliſton & Jno. Perot	Ditto	41	9	11	737	29	5
9	James Yard	Duſt	113	4	4	2,012	59	0
13	Charles Lee	For. Cs.	29	5	10	520	37	0
			5,997	15	9	106,626	95	0

Mint of the United States,
Treaſurer's Office, Dec. 18, 1797.

For BENJAMIN RUSH, Treaſurer.
NATH. THOMAS, Clerk.

(No. II.)

A Statement of Silver Bullion depoſited in the Mint of the United States, from Nov. 29th, 1796, (the date of the Director's laſt Report) to this day incluſive.

When received.	By whom depoſited.	Deſcription of Bullion.	Standard Weight. ounces.	dwts.	grs.	Value. dollars.	cts.	ms.
1797.								
Jan. 9	Nathaniel Thomas	Ingots	204	5	0	235	67	0
Feb. 16	John S. Sherborne	Sp. dol.	390	0	0	450	0	0
Mar. 10	John B. Wallace	Fr. Cns.	866	13	8	1,000	0	0
Apr. 19	Nathaniel Thomas	Sp. dol.	433	6	0	499	96	0
28	John B. Wallace	Fr. Cns.	866	13	8	1,000	0	0
May 2	Ditto	Ditto	866	13	8	1,000	0	0
11	Nathaniel Thomas	Sp. dol.	390	0	0	450	0	0
15	Bank of Pennſyl.	Fr. Cns.	866	13	8	1,000	0	0
19	Joſeph Richardſon	Ingots	423	7	12	488	50	5
June 5	John E. Van Alen	Sp. dol.	656	10	0	757	50	0
9	John Foley	Ingots	3,494	4	0	4,031	76	5
	Joſeph Richardſon	Ditto	230	14	12	266	22	0
17	Ditto	Ditto	208	9	0	240	52	0
	Thomas Jefferſon	Sp. dol.	260	0	0	300	0	0
July 29	John Carrell,	Ingots	347	7	0	400	78	5
	Joſeph Richardſon	Ditto	557	1	0	642	75	0
	Bank of the U. S.	Ditto	946	14	0	1,092	34	5
Aug. 17	David Ott	Ditto	375	14	0	433	50	0
Nov. 29	Bank of the U. S.	Ditto	1,800	2	0	2,077	3	5
	Bank N. America	Fr. Cns.	25,915	3	0	29,902	9	5
Dec. 12	Bank of the U. S.	Ingots	2,051	10	0	2,367	11	5
			42,151	0	8	48,635	76	5

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For BENJAMIN RUSH, Treaſurer,
NATH. THOMAS, Clerk.

(No. III.)

A STATEMENT of the Denomination and Value of SILVER COINS, iſſued from the Mint of the United States, from the 29th of November, 1796 (the date of the Director's laſt Report) to this day incluſive.

Dollars.	*Half Dollars.*	*Quarter Dollars.*	*Diſmes.*	*Half Diſmes.*
12,546	3,918	252	25,261	44,527

Total, Dolls. 19,320 $\frac{45}{100}$

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For BENJAMIN RUSH, Treaſurer,
NATH. THOMAS, Clerk.

N. B. There are now in the Mint, nearly ready for delivery, about Thirty-four Thouſand Dollars, in Silver Coins.

(No. IV.)

A STATEMENT of the Denomination and Value of GOLD COINS, iſſued from the Mint of the United States, from the 29th of November, 1796 (the date of the Director's laſt Report) to this day incluſive.

Eagles.	*Half Eagles.*	*Quarter Eagles.*
9,177	6,406	1,756

Value in Dollars, 128,190.

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For BENJAMIN RUSH, Treaſurer,
NATH. THOMAS, Clerk.